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Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and an executed certificate of mailing by Express Mail. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to issuance of the next office action. (Please see following pages).

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Applicant transmits herewith an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. An enclosed check includes an additional filing fee, which has been calculated as shown below.

	CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA	LARGE ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims:	36	-	26 =	10	x \$ 18 =	\$ 180.00
Independent Claims:	4	-	3 =	1	x \$84 =	\$ 84.00
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